

MEXICO'S COMMERCIAL SHORT-CUT NEARLY COMPLETED.

Engineering Marvels Achieved and Millions Upon Millions Expended in the New Transcontinental Railway.



achieved the impossible built a tunnel through the mountains, draining the city of Mexico of its pestilential waters and reducing the death rate from 72 per 1800 to something like a civilized record.

He will be remembered as solving the other great problem, where hundreds of engineers and rich companies failed—that of transcontinental transit across the 1sthmus of Tehuantepter. Under his wise rule 20000000 millions of American capital have been invested in Mexico.

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every color, filling the great forest with
color and beauty.

A BIT OF CANAL HISTORY A BIT OF CANAL HISTORY.

It is surprising how many attempts have been made to construct a canal or a rail-road across the isthmus of Tehauntepec. Here is a list of them. 174, a civil excipeer. Augustin Cramer. made a survey and reported that it would not be a work of great difficulty to effect communication between the two sceams

Men in general, and women in particular, enjoy a toothsome, nourishing breakfast food and they find it when they try Grape-Nuts

City of Mexico, Aug. 19.—All Mexico is rejoicing over the completion of the Technanteper National Railway across the bifurnis, and the announcement that the barbor terminals are to be finished for the big steamships of the Pacific and Atlantic lines carrying Hawaiian sugar from Honolulu with returned cargoes of American metchandise.

The Mexicans are rejoicing because President Diaz has accomplished this great enterprise, giving Mexico and the world a transcontinental line across the istimus, which will develop an enormous business in commerce and traffic pending the completion of the Panama Canal.

So that by the time America's stupendous enterprise shall have been opened to the world isthmus votes will become popular and the great guif streams of business will tend that way from all parts of the globe.

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Diaz like his triend and predecessor, Juarez, is a half-broed Both men were unable to speak the Spanish language, both arose from sheep harding to become lawyers. Judges, Generals, patriots and statesmen, and both solved the problem of self-government in Mexico.

Once Diaz the friend of Grant and Sherdian, was delized as a General and numbered among the great fighters of the world.

To-day his fame rests highest upon his achievements in government and statesmanship.

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156. Nanocen of France secured the last reserved until 186, when Emperor Maximilan extended the time. Three days later President Juarez, who had defeated the French, not recognizing Maximilian's arabical and telegraph line to the Temanship.

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named, 1867, a concession was granted to Emilio de la Sere, an American citizen, 1859, an additional right was granted to a commany organized in Vermon; to build

In the near we can be found to the failt of the failt and the failt of er citers the ocean. It was found that affect dredging out the barber to the deep h of 30 feet a few tropical storms filled the basin with silt and alluvial dep sit washed own from mountains, reducing the depth to only 12 feet.

Then it was decided to follow the Eads



burning ships between Salina Cruz San Francisco, and Hawaitian parts. From Sa-lina Cruz to San Francisco is 2600 miles; from San Francisco to Honolulu 2000 ina Cruz to San Francisco is 200 miles; from San Francisco to Honolulu 200 miles, making San Francisco a half-way port. From Salina Cruz to Honolulu it is 2.00 miles we will ship our sugar from Honolulu to Salina Cruz, then load with merchandise from New York to San Francisco for a return cargo. At San Francisco we will take cargoes of local freight for Honolulu. At present we are running our ships through the Straits of Magellan, but as scon as the Tehaunterec terminals are completed we will abolish the Magellan line except for occasional trips, thus saving 200 miles' water hauf and thirty-five days' time.

Experts excee that it was a master stroke on the part of President Isiaz in securing the services of the Pearsons in finishing the railway and its terminals. Mr. Pearson it is a well-known engineer and contractor in charge of the Pennsylvania and Long Island tunnels under Manhattan and the deathers rivers. hatten and the deep-sea rivers. Mr. Pearson's contract with the Mexi-Mr. Pearson's contract with the Mexican Government has about fifty years to run, and while the Government owns and builds the road Mr. Pearson shares in the profits and is practically master of the situation, being not only the Belmont, but the McDonald as well.

The only drawback possible to the great enterprise would be the death of President Piaz and a revolution in political affairs in Mexico However, as that able, honest statesman and inancier. Mr. Limantour, will trotably succeed to the

Peoria, Ill., Society Experiences Shock at Developments of Inquest Over Husband-House Filled With Strange Articles.

Peoria, Aug. 12—It has been years since corn society has suffered such a shock s that produced by the developments in the inquest over the death of Edward

ty jail, violently agitated and seemingly deranged.

The interior of their Fisher street home is filled with furniture of the strangest character, and the walls are covered with facsimile reproductions of the "coat of arms" adopted by Drouin and his wife. For some time he had posed as "King of the world" and his wife as "Empress of the universe."

With an energy almost inconceivable, Mrs. Drouin spent hours of each day writing letters to prominent people in this city, warning them of attempts on their lives and asserting that a band of people vas threatening the extermination of the populace by turning on the "electric fluid."

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All efforts to investigate were frustrated by the vigilance of the wife. When searched, their agartments were found to contain vast quantities of mineral and medicinal waters, designed to destroy the efforts of the people with the electric field.

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Drouin was buried from an undertaking establishment to-day, the services being conducted by the Reverend Henry Forsythe Milliann, rector of Christ's Reformed Episcopal Church. His wife was not allowed to attend the funeral.

She passed a sleepless night in her cell and spent the entire time in writing messages to prominent people. She was visited by large numbers of friends and her cell was filled with flowers.

RAIN BADLY NEEDED IN NORTHWEST MISSOURI.

Bright Ten Bays Ago, Greatly Affected by Hot Winds,

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

St. Joseph. Mo., Aug. IL—The condition of the corn crop in Northwest Missouri for far from satisfactory, and in some sections it is said that the yield will be less than half a crop. The dry, bot washer the last week has caused more than one farmer to make a wry face.

Whereas ten days ago men were proudly bossiting that the crop this year would break all records they are now wondering how long it will take the sun and winds to make a wry face.

The greatest daminach has been done to the late corn on the uplands. In the bottoms, where the crop was planted early and well cultivated, it is beyond danger, but this constitutes but a small percentage of the acreage in this part of the State. In those bostoms where the high water made replanting necessary in the carly spring, the condition is even worse to the side with the destroy and it is in the uplands.

The winds turing they and while not in the same class with the destruction of Paris has recently community a promising field of corn to "fire" badly. The leaves on the corn in some localities have shriveled up considerably. In such cases rain would now do little if any good.

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disappointed as they do other years when the crop is cut short.

Grass and fall pastures also need rain very hadly. Streets and public places in the city which have not been sprinkled are covered with grass as dry as a desert waste. Many property owners are keep-ing their lawns in presentable condition only by the liberal use of the sprinkling hose.

OPERATION FOR DROPSY KILLS YOUNG MOTHER.

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Illinois Attorney General Holds Vet-Mest Buy Licenses. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Springfield, Iil. Aug. 12.—Interpreting the act providing that pedulers licenses be granted to former Union soldiers and sall-ors without fee, Attorney General Scend is of the opinion that sections I and 2 apply only to honorably discharged Civil War soldiers and saliers, and do not apply to soldiers and saliers of the Spanish-American War.

Girt of Thirteen Gives Birth to an Infant-Strangest Case in History of New York Post Graduate Hospital.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

New York, Aug. 12—Stranger almost than any other tragedy ever heard of in New York is the case of Lena Elster. If years old, of which Coroner Scholer was notified to-day. This little girl died in agony last right at the Post Graduate Hospital in this city after a Caesarian operation. Dying, she held in her arms a tiny infant, 2 hours old, who, almost at the same instant that the child-mother died, breathed its last.

Little is known of the history of the case, but a right investigation is being made. The child was a pretty, well-developed youngster, and for some time has

provements on Lenora Branch. REPUBLIC SPICIAL

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Topska, Kas., Aug. 12—Some time ago the Kansas Board of Raliroad Commissioners issued an order requiring the Missouri Pacific Raliroad to build a station in Chicopee, and to repair the track and otherwise improve the Lenora branch.

The time for the road to appear and show cause why this order should not be observed has passed without a word from its representatives.

The law provides that in such cases the road shall be liable to a fine of 5366 a day from the time the order was made, to be collected by civil action. The attorney for the commissioners to-day served notice on the legal department of

Wife of Idaho Senator Thrown From Carriage in a Runaway; Saves One-Year-Old Child From

Manila, Aug. 12.—Mrs. Dubois, wife of Senator Fred T. Dubois of Idaho, who with the Senator is a member of Secretary's Taft's perty, was thrown from a carriage to-day and was taken in an ambulance to a hospital, where she was unconscious for three hours. Her injuries are not considered dangerous.

She is, however, badly bruised and jarred, and her condition probably will prevent her going on the Southern trip with Mr. Taft, Miss Rooseveit and the other members of the party.

Mrs. Dubois was the guest of Doctor and Mrs. Stafford, prominent American residents of Manila, and the accident took place while she was driving with the lyear-old baby of her host and hostegs and its governess.

The horses ran away, but before she was thrown out Mrs. Dubois seized the baby and saved its life at the risk of her own. The governess was not injured.

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TO INVESTIGATE MAN

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Washington, Aug. 12.—In investigating the interest held by Dector D. E. Salmon. Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, in companies doing contract business with the Department of Agriculture, Secretary Wilson is relying upon a man whose rise in the Government service is due, in part in the Government service is due, in part at least, to the interest and frieniship of the department. This man is George P. McCabe. Solicitor of the department.

Five years ago Mr. McCabe was a clerk. In the Government register for 1991 he was recorded as an employe of the Bureau of Plant Industry. An asterisk after his name refers to a footnote which states he was then detailed to the Bureau of Accounts at a salary of \$1.50. Air. McCabe's work found favor with Mr. Evans, the disbursing officer, but Mr. McCabe was not satisfied with his pay. An arrangement was finally effected whereby he was paid \$2.600 a year as an "assistant" in the Bureau of Animal In-



dustry, of which Doctor Salmon then as now, was the head.

In the appropriation act of 1396 there in an appropriation of 2,560 for a Solicitor. Mr. McCabe is now the Solicitor. His first important duty is this investigation of Doctor Salmon, the man who made it possible for him to draw from the Bureau of Animal Industry 3500 a year more than he would have received had his name remained on the pay roll of the Bureau of Accounts.

WEDDING GUEST ARRESTED. Girl in Hospital Recognizes Ash-

Frank Gelaschewski, who is charged ofth assaulting Katherine Banack while the assaulting Katherine Banack while assaulting Katherine Banack while arrested ley Tenant as Her Assailant.

Child's Clothing ignited by Match.
Elizabeth Sprengenther, 3 years old, of
No. 1046 Geyer avenue was painfully
burned about the lack yesterday afternoon, when a lighted match ignited her
dress. The match was thrown into the
air carelessly by Joseph Novy, 19 years
old, of No. 1236 Menard street, while the
children were playing at Tenth street and
Geyer avenue. The girl started to run
when her clothing burst into flame, but
was caught by a passer-by and the fire
extingushed. The boy was arrested, but
later released.

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